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### City of Augusta launches Lead Hazard Reduction Program

**AUGUSTA, GA (Feb. 3, 2022)** – The City of Augusta has launched a new initiative to protect Richmond County families from lead-based paint and home health hazards.

The City's new Lead Hazard Reduction Program aims to identify and clean up dangerous lead-related health and safety hazards in specific housing units built before 1978.

The types of housing covered in the program include:

- Housing units in the Richmond County area
- Owner-occupied
- Landlord/property owners
- Single-family units
- Multi-family units

Women who are pregnant or individuals who have children under the age of six living in one of the housing units listed above may also qualify.

Applications for the program are available in the following ways:

- **Phone:** Residents can call the City of Augusta's Housing & Community Development Department at 706-821-1797 or Georgia Department of Public Health at 706-667-4329.
- **Online:** Residents can go online to the City of Augusta's Housing & Community Development Department website at [augustaga.gov/68/housing-development](http://augustaga.gov/68/housing-development) or visit the Georgia Department of Public Health site at [ecphd.com/lead](http://ecphd.com/lead)

This program is coordinated by the City of Augusta's Housing & Community Development Department in partnership with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Georgia Department of Public Health, and the Augusta Partnership for Children, Inc.

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